

Abstract

2 A system and method for retrieving performance data from different devices in a
3 storage area network (SAN) use a performance interface to communicate with different
4 types of SAN devices in a heterogeneous SAN environment. The performance interface
5 instructs a device plug-in (DPI) associated with each SAN device to retrieve performance
6 metrics data from the corresponding SAN device. The performance interface determines
7 a minimum polling interval and a maximum polling interval for polling each SAN device
8 for the performance metrics data. The performance interface further provides each DPI
9 with an address of the corresponding SAN device.